

# NUMISMATIC EPHEMERA SALE

NUMBER TWO

A Diverse Offering of Numismatic Memorabilia, Letters, Circulars, Photos, Promotional Materials and Other Miscellanea

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Advance sheets of the catalogue of the rare and valuable collection, belonging to SENOR JOSE MA. PENA, of Palma, Island of Majorca. To be sold about Nov. 20, 1910.

Lyman H. Low, 14 E. 23d St., New York.

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## ONLINE SALE TWO

**CLOSING THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013**

Bids should be placed by email to David Fanning at df@numislit.com or by phone at (614) 414-0855 or fax at (614) 414-0860. Phone bids will be accepted until 6 p.m. eastern time; voicemail, fax and email bids will be taken until midnight. A 15% buyer's fee applies. The usual mail-bid terms apply (see end of catalogue for full terms).

### *Some Things Never Change*

**E101** Hanson, Harvey L. **FOUR LETTERS TO ROBERT H. LLOYD.**

- 1) Holograph, dated 11/14/37. Single sheet, written on both sides. 27 by 18 cm.
- 2) Holograph, dated 11/26/37. Single sheet, written on both sides. 27 by 18 cm.
- 3) Holograph on Pacific Coast Numismatic Society stationery, dated 3/20/38. Single sheet, 28 by 21 cm.
- 4) Typewritten letter, signed, on Santa Clara County Cattle-men's Association stationery, dated October 14, 1943. Single sheet, 28 by 22 cm.

Generally near fine.

(40.00)

Four interesting letters on various personal and numismatic topics, American Numismatic Association politics prominent among them. In the first he writes of ANA: "Some day I hope they will stop their squabbling and make the convention a place where one can get real numismatic information & instruction. Get some active members on the Board of Governors & it shouldn't be necessary to spend 5 days arguing." In the second letter he continues: "Yes, I would like to have a talk with you too on this A.N.A. business. There should be room for more younger men (& women too) in the guidance of affairs. By younger I mean under 80 & somewhere between 40 & 50 ... much excellent & honest work has been done, but perhaps grandpa should have a rest..." In the third letter Hansen contemplates running for "Secretary of the ANA." Also included is an April 3, 1965 letter to "Bob" (presumably R.H. Lloyd) from Harley L. Freeman, wherein he laments: "Every time I pick up the Numismatist ... I want to puke. Mis-strucks, dots on Lincoln's nose, bags and rolls... Yea Gods, what is happening to our hobby? ... I still like to talk to the old timers ... some of those old memories and former conventions with the Chapmans, Mehl, McAllister (*sic*), Sears, Wormser, Henderson and others were really something to re[me]mber."

it depicts, which had just been placed there by the California Centennial Commission with the Cooperation of the Society of California Pioneers. "M" day on November 25, 1949 was designed "for all the Junior Coin Collectors of the Bay Area Under Leadership of Roy Hill, Counselor." It is apparently a trial version, printed on one side only, the other side with Hill's address stamp and design elements in ink to be added on the return postcard. Roy Hill was President of the San Jose Coin Club at the time. He was quite active in organized Northern California numismatics and formed an excellent numismatic library, marking most volumes with his name stamp on the bottom page edges. The story goes that shortly after his death his numerous books and other publications were sold en bloc to a bookstore in the area for \$100. Your cataloguer recalls buying "Roy Hill" books all over the state for a number of years after.

*"it is hoped that a new list may be published  
in the not-too-distant future"*

**E103** Lee, Ed. M. **SCOTTISH COMMUNION TOKENS.** Glendale, (1933). (4) pages. Self-covered brochure, printed on tan stock, 15 by 9 cm. Very good. [*with*] Lee, Kenneth W. **OUTLINE OF CALIFORNIA GOLD HISTORY & COINAGE.** Glendale, no date. (4) pages. Self-covered brochure, printed on yellow stock. Fine. (25.00)

Two scarce "Lee" publications by the prominent Southern California father and son team. The first comprised the text of a "Paper read at the Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 26-41, 1933." The second notes, following an interesting historical overview, that "The collection of California Gold Quarters, Halves and Dollars on display consists now of well over 400 different varieties ... the late Ed. M. Lee ... published a reference book on this subject listing some 250 varieties in 1932 ... it is hoped that a new list may be published in the not-too-distant future."

### *Site of First San Francisco U.S. Branch Mint*

**E102** Hill, Roy. **PHOTOGRAPH & MEMORABILIA.**

- 1) Snapshot of Hill in a suit, standing alongside a large plaque marking the "Site of First U.S. Branch Mint." Hill's name and address ink stamp on back, also ink stamped Oct. 31, 1949. 9 by 9 cm.
- 2) Two conjugate postcards announcing "M" Day at the San Francisco Mint on November 25, 1949. Illustration of the mint building at top. Size when folded 8 by 14 cm.
- 3) San Jose Coin Club advertising card. 8 by 13 cm.
- 4) Peninsula Coin Club advertising card. 6 by 10 cm.
- 5) East Bay Coin Club advertising card. 6 by 10 cm.

Five items, generally fine.

(35.00)

The photograph was taken ten days after the dedication of the bronze tablet

### *Three "Not in Gengerke" Auction Sales*

*"Love may 'make the world go round',  
but it takes money to lubricate the machinery."*

— F. Lapa

**E104** Oak Park Coin Club: The Auction Committee. **5TH-8TH ANNUAL WEST SUBURBAN COIN EXHIBIT. AUCTION—BOURSE. EXHIBITS OF COINS—MEDALS, PAPER CURRENCY.** Oak Park: Oak Park Arms Hotel, November 5, 1961; November 4, 1962; November 3, 1963; November 1, 1964. Also included is the 1965 Souvenir Program. Five card-covered volumes in all, circa 23 by 15 cm. Fine. (75.00)

Only the 1962 publication is listed in Gengerke. The 1961 sale featured 202 lots; 1963, 114 lots; 1964, 182 lots. The quotation cited above, rather creepy in light of subsequent events, is taken from a full page Frank Lapa "Coins of the World" advertisement in the 1964 publication.

*Hiram Deats's Annotated Sales Room Copy of His  
Celebrated Collection of U.S. Revenue Stamps*

**E105** Scott Stamp & Coin Co. 152ND SALE. CATALOGUE OF THE CELEBRATED COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES REVENUE STAMPS, THE PROPERTY OF H.E. DEATS, ESQ., AND ANOTHER COLLECTION. New York: Henry C. Merry, at The Collectors Club, May 22–23, 1900. 42 pages; 933 lots. Lots 1–430 priced throughout in pencil with buyers' names, some page sub-totals and occasional other annotations in red ink. 24 by 17 cm. Original printed green wrappers, worn at spine, contents a trifle loose. Very good. (125.00)

"Library of H.E. Deats" circular ink stamp dated May 19, 1900 at head of upper cover, along with Deats's bold autograph in black ink and "Marked at Sale" written in red ink. The first session, lots 1–430, comprised Deats's outstanding collection and brought a total of \$9,717.46. The sale started at 8:00 PM and, according to a Deats note, ended at 11:15 PM.

**E106** Nagy, Stephen K. THE STANDARD COIN BOOK. UNITED STATES GOLD, SILVER AND COPPER COINS. EARLY COINS OF AMERICAS. PRIVATE & TERRITORIAL GOLD COINS ISSUED IN CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, NORTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, UTAH AND OREGON. PAPER MONEY. SHOWING PRICES PAID. No place and address of publication, 1936. 40 pages; illustrated. 15 by 9 cm. Original card covers. (25.00)

A scarce if perplexing publication by this noted Philadelphia coin dealer. Why issue a publication offering to pay up to \$1000 for a Brasher doubloon, \$700 for an 1804 dollar, and a "500% to 2000% premium" for illustrated private and territorial gold coins, yet fail to provide any contact information? True, there is sufficient space at the base of the front cover and title to accommodate printed or ink stamped name and address data but still. Nagy's supposed father-in-law, Captain John W. Haseltine, would surely never have committed such a faux pas.

**E107** [Sterling, Edward B., and Hiram Edmund Deats]. New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION. TRENTON 1776 DECEMBER 26TH 1891. MENU. Phila(delphia): Theo. Leonhardt & Son, (1891). Printed card on thick card stock. (4) pages. 15 by 10 cm. Engraving of "Washington at Trenton within a decorative frame on upper cover. Two examples, one on cream stock and one on green stock. Generally fine. (25.00)

A 125th Declaration of Independence anniversary celebration. The menu featured Shell Oysters, Mock Turtle au Madeira, several entrées, Roman Punch, Neapolitan Ice Cream, Lady Fingers, French Mixed Candies and other delicacies, culminating with Coffee and Cigars, followed by several speakers. Decorations were provided by—you guessed it—the enterprising philatelic/numismatic duo named above.

*Receipt for a Subscription to the Numismatist,  
1906–1907, Signed by Geo. F. Heath*

**E108** Deats, Hiram E. PRINTED POSTCARD RECEIPT FORM. Postmarked, Monroe, Mich., August 1, 1907. 7 by 13 cm. An official pre-printed "Postal Card-One Cent" with Deats's name and address printed on one side and a to-be-completed receipt printed on the other. Near fine. (100.00)

Deats kept meticulous records of his many philatelic and numismatic subscriptions, accompanying each payment with a return postcard receipt as here. This one is No. 2068. It reads (printed matter in small capitals, Dr. Heath's handwritten black ink entries in italics) as follows: *Monroe Mich 190\_, RECEIVED OF H.E. DEATS, FLEMINGTON, N.J., 2 DOLLARS \_CENTS FOR—YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION TO The Numismatist 1906–1907, ENDING Dec 31 1907, Geo. F. Heath, PUBLISHERS.*

*Receipt for a Subscription to  
the American Journal of Numismatics, 1891–1892*

**E109** American Numismatic and Archaeological Society. PRINTED \$5.00 1891–1892 DUES RECEIPT TO H.E. DEATS, COMPLETED IN INK. New Rochelle: Charles Pryer, Treasurer, 1891. 14 by 21 cm. Once folded. Very good. (25.00)

Dated June 19, 1891, the form has been completed in ink and signed by Pryer, though Deats has added "Flemington, NJ" boldly in his hand.

**E110** Logan, Walter S. THE DESPOTISM OF THE DOLLAR. ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE CONNECTICUT SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AT THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET IN NEW HAVEN, FEBRUARY 22ND, 1902. No date or place of publication. 20 by 13 cm. 8 pages. Very good or better. (15.00)

Ex "Library of H.E. Deats" with circular ink stamp, dated April 10, 1902. How little have political talking points changed in eleven decades: "The old struggle was by the people against the king, to avoid the payment of arbitrary taxes imposed without the people's consent. The new struggle is that of boundless wealth, corporate or otherwise, against the representatives of the people, to avoid the payment of the taxes which the people have a right to impose for the public weal."

**E111** National Masonic Research Society. PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET SENT TO HIRAM E. DEATS. Anamosa, 1916. Six printed membership applications, housed in printed card covers, stapled together twice on the left side. 8 by 19 cm. Near fine. (15.00)

Designed to be mailed as a postcard (a canceled 1¢ stamp is affixed and Deats's name and address is typewritten on the front), members of the society were advised: "Herewith find some Applications for Membership, bound for convenience to keep in your pocket. If your explanation of the Society's objects and methods induces in a Brother a desire to affiliate with you in this work, send in his Application. We will do the rest."

**E112** Sheraton Coin Co. FIXED PRICE LIST. UNITED STATES LARGE CENTS. Boston, 1947. (12) pages. 13 by 18 cm. Original printed card blue covers. Near fine. (50.00)

A scarce price list issued by "the country's largest coin company that specializes exclusively in large cents." According to the foreword, the firm carried "a complete inventory of almost every known die and an almost complete collection of uncirculated large cents from 1793 to 1857." The company was formed by Robert L. Moore and Ernest Henderson, principals of the Sheraton chain of hotels and both of whom collected large cents extensively.

**E113** Raymond, Wayte [publisher]. THE COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS OF THE UNITED STATES. AN ILLUSTRATED PRICE LIST. New York: Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 1935. 21 by 13 cm. Original printed card covers. 8 pages; illustrated. Very good. (20.00)

Scarce.

**E114** Spink & Son Ltd. TYPEWRITTEN LETTER ON OFFICIAL STATIONERY TO VIRGIL M. BRAND ESQ., WITH HIS NAME AND ADDRESS HANDWRITTEN IN BLACK INK. London, dated Dec. 16, 1913 in black ink. 25 by 20 cm. Horizontal fold-mark. Fine. (25.00)

"We take the liberty of sending you by the same post a Catalogue of a Sale of Coins, at which one of our staff will be present. Should you be requiring any of the lots, and would favor us with your commissions, we should be glad to execute them with our usual careful and personal attention, at our usual charge of 5%."

**E115** Low, Lyman H. COIN PACKETS, BOOKS AND CATALOGUES. New York, turn of the century? (4) pages printed on

pink stock, medal cut. Single sheet folded in half as issued. 23 by 15 cm. Generally very good. (25.00)

Scarce. Several items have been crossed out in black ink, presumably by Low, and one has been repriced from 35¢ to 50¢. While operating from the United Charities Building, 4th Ave. and 22d St., respondents were advised by Low to "Address all letters and packages to my residence, 36 W. 129th St."

**E116** Mehl, B. Max. **ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY. MR. FRANK CLEMES SMITH... PLACED WITH ME FOR SALE AT AUCTION HIS MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF GOLD AND SILVER COINS OF ENGLAND...** Fort Worth, (1913). 26 by 19 cm. Original pictorial sale announcement flyer. [with] Mehl, B. Max. **A 'CLEAN-CUT ATTRACTION / AFTER ALL—A GREAT DEAL DEPENDS ON WHAT—"THEY SAY."** Fort Worth, (1920). 23 by 15 cm. Flyer, printed on both sides. Both generally very good or better. (20.00)

Mehl termed the Smith sale "one of the finest and most complete collections of British coins ever offered in America." The second flyer stresses Mehl's prowess in purchasing a collection outright on one side: "Whether it amounts to Thirty Dollars or Thirty Thousand Dollars, you are assured of the same 'Clean-Cut Transaction.'" The other side advances Mehl's success in conducting auction sales and includes a testimonial from Waldo Newcomer.

### *Advance Sheets of Low's 1910 Señor Peña Collection Sale*

**E117** Low, Lyman H. **ADVANCE SHEETS OF THE CATALOGUE OF THE RARE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION, BELONGING TO SENOR JOSE MA. PENA, OF PALMA, ISLAND OF MAJORCA. TO BE SOLD ABOUT NOV. 22D NOV 25 1910... GOLD COINS OF SPAIN.** New York, 1910. The Nov. 22 sale date has been crossed through in ink and the second date is ink-stamped below. 22 by 14 cm. (8) pages, last leaf blank; lots 1–85. Self-covered as issued, two horizontal fold-marks, pencil check-marks by some lot descriptions. Very good or better. (100.00)

A most unusual Low innovation and the first example of this publication that we recall ever having heard of or encountered.

**E118** Mehl, B. Max. **THE STAR COIN BOOK. FOURTH EDITION. ABOUT 1,000 BEAUTIFUL ILLUSTRATIONS...** Fort Worth, circa 1910. Large printed promotional flyer, 32 by 24 cm. Fold-marks. Fine. (35.00)

A handsome frameable production, attractively arranged and printed in red and black ink and featuring an illustration of a pattern silver dollar. An early manifestation of Mehl's relentless self-promotional and entrepreneurial skills. Even at this early date, Mehl claimed an impressive "50,000 copies sold of former editions. Whether or not you have one, you cannot afford not to own the new GREATLY ENRICHED EDITION."

**E119** Gaede, William A. **ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS.** Carbon typescript on printed pictorial Hotel Henry note stationery. Pittsburgh, 1935? Single sheet, 23 by 15 cm. Mailing fold-marks. Fine. (25.00)

Gaede conducted the 1935 ANA Convention auction sale in Pittsburgh and it seems reasonable to assume that he bought these items at the convention and that the missive at hand was typed by him at that time and mailed to one or more of his collector clientele interested in the topic. Thirteen encased postage stamps were listed for sale, generally very fine specimens, including a "1\$ J.L. Bates, Unc, bright 5.00"; a "10¢ Weir & Larminie, Montreal, Rare, very fine 25.00"; and a "10¢ J. Gault, very fine 12.50."

**E120** Mehl, B. Max. **FOR SALE. THE NEW MEXICAN CONSTITUTIONALIST OR REBEL COINS. COMPLETE SET OF "VILLA" COINS...** Fort Worth, circa 1914. Pictorial flyer

printed in brown ink, 23 by 15 cm. Very good or better. (20.00)  
Ever the opportunistic entrepreneur, Mehl offered sets of peso, half peso, 2 and 5 centavos pieces for \$5.00, noting that "these coins are all very scarce" and that "The silver coins were struck from 'confiscated' bullion, and it is said that these coins contain parts of gold. The 2 centavo pieces were coined from the trolley wires of the Parral-Santa Barbara Railway. It was necessary to suspend operations on this line." Also offered were "A few of the very rare and interesting Rebel Silver Pesos Struck by the Rebel Army, and bearing the unusual inscription 'Muera Huerta' ('Death to Huerta')... while they last at \$7.50 each."

**E121** Mehl, B. Max. **NOW IS THE TIME TO ORDER... THE NUMISMATIC MONTHLY (NOW IN ITS TENTH SUCCESSFUL YEAR)...** Fort Worth, (1917). Flyer on thin pale blue stock, printed in blue with a perforated order form at the bottom, 22 by 14 cm. Fine.. [with] Mehl, B. Max. **SUBSCRIPTION ORDER FORM FOR MEHL'S NUMISMATIC MONTHLY...** Fort Worth, (1911). Printed slip, 9 by 15 cm. Very good. (20.00)  
Both scarce.

### *Hans Schulman Makes a Mess of the 1966 Catalogue of the Howard D. Gibbs Collection of Counterstamped, Necessity and Siege Coins of the Americas: "hundreds of errors... Many of my estimates have been doubled or tripled by Hans"*

**E122** Gibbs, Howard D. **HANDWRITTEN LETTER ON PRINTED LETTERHEAD TO "DEAR DOCTOR."** Pittsburgh, February 20, 1966. Single sheet written in blue ink, 24 by 21 cm. Once folded. Very good. (100.00)

An extremely interesting and informative letter, likely written to R.J. Hudson, M.D., a Pittsburgh numismatic friend. Gibbs writes in part: "Confidential—lay off Russian csp. Will explain when I see you. Glad you received catalogue of my collection. Agree catalogue nice but they sure as hell goofed on the plates—hundreds of errors (a) Plates not numbered (b) Many lots marked 'Photo' and no photo on plates (c) Many that should have been photoed not on plates (d) Many coins on plates have no numbers (e) Many of numbers on plates are wrong (f) Most of all the csp coins are photographed as un cspd coins should be so the csps themselves are sideways — upside down, etc. (g) Many of my estimates have been doubled or tripled by Hans. I am thoroughly disgusted with the sloppy work he has turned out." Gibbs closes the letter with commentary on his legendary nocturnal devotion to *Moneta*: "Regret my sleeping habits not what they should be. This is being written at 3 am as I could not sleep."

**E123** Woodward, W. Elliot. **SENT ON APPROVAL AT ONE DOLLAR—IF NOT REQUIRED, PLEASE RETURN TO W. ELLIOT WOODWARD, ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS.** Undated. Printed slip on fine "wavy" watermarked stock, 10 by 15 cm. Fine. (50.00)

The only example we recall ever having encountered. A notice at the base states: "Catalogues of nearly all Coin Sales ever held in the United States, furnished to order."

### *"This Catalogue is a Collectors Item if Autographed by the Author of the Poems Printed Herein"*

**E124** Brown Associates. **NEWARK COIN CONVENTION AUCTION.** (Newark), September 10, 1960. Duplicated typescript leaves, stapled at top. 14 pages, 234 lots. Produced on acid-ink stock and consequently a bit browned. Near fine. (50.00)

The first example—signed or not—that we have ever encountered. Gengerke attributes the sale to the Newark Coin Club but it is clearly a solo production by the then president of the club, James A. Brown, aka Brown Associates. Interspersed in the catalogue are several poems by the presumptive Numismatic Poet Laureate of Newark, each signed here in blue ink: "James A Brown." Despite the gentle mocking, it is a delightful publication by a fine fellow, whose contributions to



numismatics were many. Brown was also an early manufacturer of plastic coin holders and a longtime numismatic bibliophile. The auction was apparently held at the "Y," and after noting nearby attractions of numismatic interest including the Newark Museum and the Newark Main Library ("whose shelves contain many rare books on coins"), Brown gets down to business: "The two closest and best bars in town are only A half block away, the MILITARY PARK HOTEL and the ROBERT TREAT HOTEL." Though a desirable "collectors item" priced at one dollar, the multi-autographed copy at hand was not the zenith of the genre; that featured "Your Name Stamped in Gilt on the Front Page" (50¢ extra). The local watering holes perhaps provided inspiration and one of Brown's poems, "Will the San Francisco Mint Survive," follows:

Tear her old time banners down  
Level it for parking ground  
Does the Denver Mint surpass  
Will Philadelphia's everlast

Obsolete, cut down the cost  
Never mind who's need we cross  
Double the crews in Philly  
No worry there or questions Icky

Politicians point with pride  
Look how we economize (*sic*)  
Money making costs are less  
Though regional economy be a mess

Historical love of landmarks old  
Leave these gentlemen's instincts cold  
For who has time for sentiment  
"Down the buildings, parking lots pay rent."

*"I did sell my collection... I got thousands of dollars  
cash-on-the-barrel-head—one night—no trouble—  
no letters—no postage—no returns—no ads—  
no 20% auction commission"*

E125 Chatham, Raymond. HOLOGRAPH LETTER TO "PROF." (CHARLES L. RUBY) ON KENWOOD BLANKETS STATIONERY (A DIVISION OF CHATHAM MANUFACTURING COMPANY). Lawson, Missouri, June 9, 1960. Single sheet, 28 by 21 cm. Two fold-marks. Fine. [*with*] Chatham, Raymond. LARGE CENTS NOT IN MY RECENT AD. Lawson, no date, Single sheet, carbon typescript, ink notes, 28 by 21 cm. Two fold-marks. Fine. (35.00)

An interesting letter, reading in part: "Don't want to send you the 188 and 256. That's the way I lost my 51<sup>st</sup> piece. I will trade one or both if the 1948 half struck on penny planchet is included in the trade. Enclosed is list of coins not in Ad. I did sell my collection. Have accumulated these since selling. Of course I couldn't get as much as individual sales, but I got thousands of dollars cash-on-the-barrel-head—one night—no trouble—no letters—no postage—no returns—no ads—no 20% auction commission."

*"U.S. Trade Dollar is My Specialty"*

E126 Chen Cho-Wei. 1961-1962 MAIL AUCTION SALE OF ORIENTAL PAPER MONEY, ORIENTAL COINS, U.S. COINS, U.S. TRADE DOLLARS, CANADIAN COINS. Kowloon, (1961). 25 by 17 cm. Printed paper covers. 20 pages, 112 lots, a few illustrations. Covers a trifle creased and dusty. Very good. (25.00)

A most unusual "Mail Auction Sale," conducted without a specific closing date: "The date of the arrival of the 50th bidding of each lot will be the closing date of that lot." Many thousands of lots of coins and paper money were featured in the sale. Lots 107-110, as an example, contained 680 trade dollars, 80 of them from the Carson City Mint.

E127 THE CURIOSITY CABINET. Vol. III. No. 6. New York City: Published by Scott Stamp & Coin Co. (Limited), February, 1886. (4) pages. 21 by 14 cm. Self-covered as issued. Once bound. Very good. (40.00)

Only the second example we recall having handled. According to Bourne, it is the first issue published by Scott. In an announcement To the Public, the firm states: "Having purchased the entire stock of coins, stamps &c. of the leading firm of Scott & Company, 721 Broadway, and joined it with the stock of several other dealers, the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. (Ltd.) will continue the business as heretofore, appointing Mr. Wm. P. Brown, the widely known dealer in Curiosities as manager of the Coin & Curiosity department."

### *The Glory Days*

E128 Stack's. IT TAKES TEAMWORK TO SELL A COIN COLLECTION AT PUBLIC AUCTION ... AND STACK'S HAS THE BEST TEAM IN THE BUSINESS. New York, undated. Large pictorial flyer, 38 by 25 cm. Center fold. Fine. (25.00)

Pictured are "eleven top-flight, professional cataloguers of United States, Ancient & Foreign coins," namely: James C. Risk, Jan Blamberg, Martin Gengerke, Carl W.A. Carlson, Robert Archer, Tom Panichella, Bob Entlich, Norman Stack, Harvey G. Stack, Lawrence R. Stack and Scott Mitchell. Sadly, many of these numismatic experts are no longer with us and the firm later augmented their outstanding staff with the likes of David Alexander and Michael Hodder. This remarkable poster, however, depicts at a point in time the best American numismatic team ever fielded.

*"Berrian Manufacturing Co.'s Patent Gold and Silver  
Counterfeit Coin Detector & Letter Scale Combined.  
Simplest, Cheapest and Best"*

E129 Berrian Manufacturing Co. MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE AWARDED BY AMERICAN INSTITUTE, BERRIAN MANUFACTURING CO.'S PATENT GOLD AND SILVER COUNTERFEIT COIN DETECTOR. U.S. STANDARD. A SURE PROTECTION AGAINES FRAUD. Woodridge, circa 1880. 24 by 15 cm. Printed pictorial promotional flyer. Edges a trifle frayed. Near fine overall. (150.00)

A rare and informative publication promoting this ubiquitous 19th century counterfeit coin detecting device. The medal depicted is dated 1878. Printed on both sides, the italic headline above cites the remanent side. Designed for general use, the "Address" space at the base of both sides of this example features, however, the Berrian firm's name and address stamp. Attractively printed, depicted on one side is the obverse and reverse of the award medal, below which are two illustrations of the sale, each holding a newly minted 1878 silver dollar, one showing "Position of Scale when Coin is Counterfeit," the other the "Position of Scale when Coin is Genuine. Patented February 27th, 1877 [by J.A. Thompson]. Perfected 1880." (Early scales do not feature a space for a gold dollar.) The "Coin Detector & Letter Scale" side also depicts two scales, one "As used in Weighing Letters," the other "As used in Detecting Counterfeit Coins." This counterfeit coin detector's other life as a letter scale appears to be little known, particularly in numismatic circles. It was comprised of an added "attachment" to the scale, apparently a small loose metal clip and it is small wonder that few if any appear to have survived. The "Directions for Using the Letter Attachment" printed below also suggest a certain complexity of use, requiring in total well over 100 words.

E130 Lee, Ed. M., and Kenneth W. Lee. PRICE LIST NO. 9. Glendale, circa February 1936. Large single sheet folded to comprise (6) pages. Unfolded size: 27 by 66 cm. Good / very good. (25.00)

A rare early fixed price list issued by this father and son team known for their outstanding—half century in the making—collection of fractional California gold coins. The example at hand was addressed to Geo. S. Godard, Librarian Conn. State Library, and features their FEB 6 1936 date stamp. The Lees covered much of the numismatic spectrum and the list at hand features U.S. Gold

Types, "Genuine" California Gold Pieces, Miscellaneous Gold, Gold Dollars, Commemoratives, Bryan Money Types, U.S. Coin Series (Dollars to Half Dimes), Foreign Crowns, Military Decorations, etc. Operating on the then western frontier of the American numismatic world, the Lees emphasized: "Remember—We are only ONE day by AIRMAIL."

**E131 California State Numismatic Association. CSNA MEMORABILIA.** Circa 1950s. Assembled by Michael A. Powills, the materials present here include convention programs, membership cards, correspondence, tourist guides, etc. Approximately fifty items. Various formats. Generally fine. (50.00)

Includes: eight Powills membership cards, 1949–1957, and considerable correspondence relating thereto; printed materials pertaining to various CSNA conventions, including various registration forms and color tourist flyers for San Jose, Santa Barbara, San Diego-Land and Berkeley (pre-Hippie Land); March 1967 Vallejo Numismatic Society Official Bulletin; Official CSNA Convention Programs for 1949 and 1951–1954; 1953 CSNA Coin Auction; etc.

**E132 Smith, A.M. ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF THE U.S. MINT. HOW MONEY IS MADE. UNITED STATES AND COLONIAL COINS. PUBLISHED BY A.M. SMITH, PHILADELPHIA. ENTERED ACCORDING TO ACT OF CONGRESS IN THE YEAR 1881. BY A.M. SMITH, 533 CHESTNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA. IN THE OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS AT WASHINGTON.** (Philadelphia), circa 1881. Pictorial advertising flyer, 21 by 12 cm. Near fine. (75.00)

Rare. Depicted on one side is the delightful pictorial title of the work and, on the other side, an overview of the contents and a list of illustrations. Various versions were offered for sale: "Price, on thin paper, 40 cents; on fine heavy paper, 50 cents; cloth, 75 cents; in half turkey, tinted plate paper, \$1."

**E133 New Netherlands Coin Co. VARIOUS EARLY FIXED PRICE LISTS AND ADVERTISING FLYERS.** New York, circa 1937–51. Fifteen different items, as follows: *Price List*, September, 1937; *Monthly Price Lists* Nos. 7–10, 12 & 13. January, 1942–July, 1944; *Special Price List... Inventory Reduction Sale*, Number 1. April 1951; Advertising flyers. Seven ads. Circa 1939–1941. All printed on one side only. Generally fine or nearly so. (100.00)

A nice assortment of early NN publications. Several of the price lists are seldom encountered; the flyers rarely so. All seven appear to be reprints of *Numismatist* ads; four cite David M. Bullowa as a member of the firm; the remaining three appear to be earlier.

*"Today we are establishing the Antique Gallery..."*

**E134 Numismatic Gallery / Antique Gallery. FORM LETTER PRINTED ON NUMISMATIC GALLERY STATIONERY.** Beverly Hills, December 31, 1950. 28 by 22 cm. Two horizontal fold-marks. Very good/near fine. (35.00)

An interesting letter, reading in part: "The New Year is a good time for a new start and it is about a new start that we write to you today... Both of the Gallery A.K.'s, Mr. Kreisberg and I, were engaged in the Antique business for a number of years before the Gallery dropped that line to concentrate on numismatics. Our interest in the antique field remained keen, however, and we resolved that one day we would again trade in antiques—jewelry, bric-a-brac and related objects. That day has come— Today we are establishing the Antique Gallery which will conduct the antique business in a new and beautiful store in the heart of Beverly Hills... the Numismatic Gallery and the Antique Gallery will conduct all affairs from the new location... Early in February we'll hold open house to which you are cordially invited... Happy New Year from the staff and the 2 A.K.'s of the twin galleries."

**E135 Coin Galleries. LETTER TO CHARLES Z. MIHALYI ON OFFICIAL STATIONERY, HANDWRITTEN AND SIGNED IN INK BY V. CLAIN-STEFANELLI.** New York, October 4,

1954. 27 by 18 cm. Fold-marks. Near fine. On the back of the letter is a typewritten November 8, 1954 reply from Mihalyi, signed. (50.00)

From Czernowitz to Rome to Berlin to Buchenwald to Austria to Italy to New York to Washington, D.C., Dr. Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli's adult life largely revolved around numismatics. In 1953, he joined Stack's in New York City to establish and manage a foreign coin department, i.e., "Coin Galleries." A few years later, in 1956, he became Curator of the Division of Numismatics at the Smithsonian Institution. The letter at hand pertains to coins offered in the firm's second public auction sale. Mihalyi had requested rubbings of several coins in the sale, which once accompanied the letter at hand. In his reply, he acknowledges receipt of coins purchased in the sale, requesting to return a mis-attributed coin. Mihalyi's remarkable collection of Hungarian and Transylvanian coins was sold at auction by Stack's in 1977.

**E136 Raymond, Wayte. 1943 SUPPLEMENT TO THE STANDARD CATALOGUE OF UNITED STATES COINS AND TOKENS, SHOWING CHANGES IN VALUE OF THE MOST POPULAR UNITED STATES COINS.** New York, 1942. Self-covered as issued, 23 by 15 cm. 15, (1) pages, illustrated. Fine. (15.00)

Surely due to the exigencies of World War II, the main work was not published in 1943, leading to this scarce stopgap supplement.

**E137 Mehl, B. Max. ANNOUNCING THE ROMANCE OF THE PIONEERS. A NUMISMATIC HISTORY OF THE GOLDEN WEST OF PIONEER DAYS, 1849–1861, AS REPRESENTED BY THE VALUABLE COLLECTION OF PIONEER AND TERRITORIAL GOLD COINS FORMED BY JUDGE CHARLES W. SLACK, SAN FRANCISCO. TO BE CATALOGUED AND SOLD BY B. MAX MEHL, NUMISMATIST.** Fort Worth: Mehl Building, (1925). A large sheet of fancy gold paper in an embossed moiré pattern, printed in black ink, folded in half twice to form a four page brochure. Fine. (25.00)

A scarce, quite handsomely executed sale prospectus for Mehl's May 5th, 1925 sale of Judge Slack's important collection.

**E138 Kosoff, A. AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY OF UNITED STATES COINS, DEPICTING THE PROPOSED DESIGNS AS WELL AS THE ACCEPTED TYPES.** Encino, 1962. Original printed card covers, 28 by 22 cm. 76 pages, illustrated throughout. Fine. [with] Beverly Hills Stamp & Coin Shop. FORM LETTER. Beverly Hills, (1962). Printed on blue stock, 28 by 22 cm. Very good. (25.00)

A catalogue of the Dr. J. Hewitt Judd United States pattern and coin collection, accompanied by the explication of its *raison d'être*. The *Illustrated History*—like several such Kosoff publications a sales vehicle in sheep's clothing—attempts to weave pattern coins into its historical overview. After presenting a synopsis of the book, thanking Kosoff, and hyping the market ("choice coins command runaway prices," yada yada yada), Justus gets to the heart of the novel nature of the book: "This presentation must, therefore, be unusual—and it is. The coins are thoroughly described, the catalogue is profusely illustrated—BUT—all prices have been omitted. Because each item is select and one of a kind, quotations will be made only on request."

**E139 Mitchell, Ralph A. "Curly." STUDIO PHOTOGRAPH.** San Jose: Webbs Commercial Photographers, 1941. A fine 8 by 10 inch print depicting Mitchell in a suit, at home, sitting before a table laden with odd and curious monies and an album of obsolete bank notes. Inscribed on the back in black ink: "Numismatically yours, R.A. Mitchell, 9/3/41." Fine. (25.00)

Taller than his hair, Ralph early on acquired the nickname "Curly" although in the photo at hand a modicum of hair still graces part of his brow. Friendly, outgoing and indefatigable, he was a fixture in California numismatics for half a century

and few, if any, did more to promote coin collecting in the Golden State. Also present here is another 8 by 10 inch studio photograph taken in 1947, depicting Mitchell shaking hands with Howard Robinson, past president of the Orange County Coin Club. It is apparent that he had earned his nickname by then.

**E140 Zander, Randolph. COIN LISTS.** Alexandria, February 1957–January 1962. Seven lists, Numbers 29, 34, 39, 40, 46, 79, and 80. 36 by 22 cm. Original duplicated typescripts, ranging from single sheets printed on both sides to (8)-page lists. (75.00) Rarely offered.

**E141 Forrer, L.S. LIST NOS. 2, 5 & 6.** London, 1940s. Three lists, each comprising duplicated typescript on one side of six stapled leaves. 26 by 21 cm. Very good or better. [with] Forrer, L.S. **GREETING CARD.** London, Christmas, 1947. A view of London with Big Ben in the background. 14 by 18 cm. Fine. (35.00)

Three scarce fixed price lists issued by a legendary British professional numismatist. Items for sale range from Maundy money to Murdoch's 1648 Pontefract two shillings to an Una and the Lion in original case to a Carlisle 1645 siege three shillings, also ex Murdoch.

**E142 Medallie Art Company. MEDALLIC ART IN COMMERCE, CIVICS, PHILANTHROPY, LETTERS AND SCIENCE.** New York, Philadelphia & Chicago, 1927. 39, (1) pages, numerous illustrations. 18 by 9 cm. Original embossed brown card covers. Near fine. (50.00)

A rare promotional publication featuring a blind-embossed facsimile of the Roosevelt Medal of Honor on the upper cover. An ink stamp on the title notes that the firm's 137 East Twenty-Ninth Street office had been "Removed to 210 East 51st Street, New York." Over forty medals and plaques covering the topical gamut are depicted, including ones executed by Augustus Saint Gaudens, Victor D. Brenner, Adolph Weinman, Paul Manship, Gutzon Borglum, R. Tait McKenzie, T. Spicer-Simpson, James Earle and Laura Frazer, et al.

**E143 COIN WORLD. VOL. I. WHOLE NO. 0.** Sidney, March, 1960. 8 pages; illustrated. Tabloid. Folded in half, browned as usual. Considerably better than average example. (25.00)  
The author of the front page article entitled "Will This Sample Edition Become a Collector's Item?" was, it would seem, particularly prescient.

### *Not in Gengerke... Or Perhaps Anywhere Else*

**E144 Penrose Trading Co. THE FIRST 1950 COIN AUCTION OF THE PENROSE AUCTION CLUB.** St. Louis, February 13, 1950. Single mimeographed sheet, printed on both sides, 35 by 21 cm. Lots 2181–2307. Fold-marks. Very good. (25.00)

One of the most unprepossessing public coin auction sale catalogues that we have ever encountered—one of the most unusual as well. The sale took place after the regular meeting of the Missouri Numismatic Society, held at the Hotel Melbourne at 8:00 P.M., and the catalogue itself is part of the meeting notice: "The cost of this notice and the rental of the meeting room is being donated to the Society by the Penrose Auction Club in appreciation of the invitation to hold their auction at our meeting." The lot numbering sequence of the sale, while complete ("One Hundred and Twenty-seven lots of fine U.S. and Foreign coins will be sold to the highest bidder"), holds out the promise of a treasure trove of yet-to-be-discovered Penrose sales. Be still, my beating heart.

**E145 Randall, James P. VARIOUS NUMISMATIC PUBLICATIONS.** Chicago, circa 1939–57. A dozen items, including: March 27 & May 16, 1942 Auction Sales, both with prices realized lists; three *National Numismatic Bulletins*, Parts I & II, 1939 and 1940 First Edition; undated price list of Oriental Coins; undated price list of Numismatic Books; five 1955–1957 *International Numismatic Bulletins*, Nos. 25, 26, 27, 31 & 31 Part II. Generally very good to fine. (35.00)  
Rarely seen.

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E146 Missouri Numismatic Society. COINS FROM THE COLLECTION OF VICTOR FRICK.** (St. Louis): Parkway Drive Inn, June 11, 1951. Mimeographed sheet, printed on both sides, 35 by 21 cm. 143 lots. Fold-marks. Very good. (25.00)  
The Parkway Drive Inn sale site and address is written in ink at the top.

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E147 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, November 8 (changed in ink to 9), 1958. 4 mimeographed sheets, 27 by 20 cm. 50 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)  
Five Oak Park sales, 1956–1962, are recorded in Gengerke. Another unrecorded sale, dated April 18, 1952, was sold in our June 2, 2011 sale.

**E148 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, November 6, 1960. Self-covered, 27 by 20 cm. (8) pages, 189 lots. Once folded, else near fine. (25.00)  
An above average coin club sale, including a very fine 1793 half cent and an 1856 Flying Eagle cent.

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E149 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, February 9, 1962. Mimeographed sheet on yellow stock, 28 by 22 cm. 51 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E150 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, March 9, 1962. Mimeographed sheet, 28 by 22 cm. 50 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E151 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, May 11, 1962. Mimeographed sheet on pink stock, 28 by 22 cm. 65 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E152 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, July 13, 1962. Mimeographed sheet on blue stock, 28 by 22 cm. 70 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E153 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, September 14, 1962. Mimeographed sheet on green stock, 28 by 22 cm. 63 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E154 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, February 8, 1963. 2 mimeographed sheets, 28 by 22 cm. 67 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E155 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, May 10, (1963). Mimeographed sheet on green stock, 28 by 22 cm. 44 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E156 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** Oak Park, July 12, 1963. Mimeographed sheet, 28 by 22 cm. 47 lots. Once folded. Near fine. (25.00)



**E157 Grant, Horace M. MAIL BID SALE. RARE COINS AND NUMISMATIC BOOKS, INCLUDING AN ORIGINAL COPY OF CROSBY'S—"EARLY COINS OF AMERICA" IN MINT CONDITION.** Providence, July 18, 1946. Original printed card covers, 23 by 15 cm. 40 pages, 1225 lots, illustrated. Fine. (20.00) Horace Grant's final auction sale. The featured lot would heighten to precarious levels the pulse of any bona fide American numismatic bibliophile: "ORIGINAL COPY OF CROSBY'S 'EARLY COINS OF AMERICA' In beautiful binding, absolutely mint condition. This copy presented to the first secretary of the A.N.A., Mr. Charles T. Tatman, of Worcester, Mass., by Mr. Crosby, when with his wife, he drove from his home to Worcester for a friendly visit with Mr. Tatman." By way of comparison, a plated paper-bound Stickney catalogue in the sale, also in "mint condition," brought all of \$5.50. Several notable coins were also featured and depicted in the sale, including an 1884 Trade Dollar.

**E158 American Art Association: Compiled by Henry de Morgan and David Proskey. CATALOGUE OF THE ART AND LITERARY PROPERTY, NUMISMATIC COLLECTION, BRONZES AND BRIC-A-BRAC COLLECTED BY THE LATE DR. JOSEPH WIENER. PART IV. COINS, MEDALS.** New York, April 21, 1905. 53, (1) pages, 496 lots. 22 by 15 cm. Very good. (25.00) David Proskey ink stamp on upper cover. The first example we recall having sold in two decades. Devoted mainly to ancient and foreign coins, the section on United States coins featured a 1794 dollar.

**E159 Elder, Thomas L. A NEW DEPARTURE!** New York, early 1900s. Self-covered, 22 by 14 cm. 7, (1) pages. A bit dusty and discolored. Good or better. (25.00) A quite scarce and interesting publication, combining an announcement ("The writer has found it advisable to add a new department to his business, that of THE ANCIENT ARTS.") and a listing of "Ancient Objects for Sale" (also "Ancient Coins"). Also featured are essays on "Coins" and on "Discoveries of Coins, Glass and other Antiquities in Ancient Syria."

**E160 Alexander & Co. FIRST MAIL AUCTION SALE. GOLD, SILVER AND COPPER COINS.** Boston, March 14, 1904. 16 pages, 416 lots. Printed on a single sheet: 15.5 by 71 mm. Folded multiple times, accordion-style, to form a narrow 16mo pamphlet. First page a bit dusty, else very good. (25.00) Quite scarce. The first of five sales recorded by Gengerke. The firm was far better known for its ubiquitous *Hub Coin Book* and *New Hub Coin Book*, published in multiple editions over four decades.

**E161 Ryan, Tommy/Ryan's Coin & Stamp Shop. AUCTION.** Chicago, October 29, 1961. Original printed red card covers, 22 by 15 cm. (20) pages, 161 lots. Fine. (15.00) A scarce numismatic auction sale, part of the publication issued for the "Cal-Harbor Stamp & Coin Club 2nd Annual Fall Festival."

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E162 Cal-Harbor Stamp & Coin Club. AUCTION.** Chicago, October 9, 1960. Original printed blue card covers, 22 by 14 cm. (24) pages, 232 lots. Fine. (25.00) The only Cal-Harbor sale listed in Gengerke is the preceding lot.

**E163 Chase National Bank. 50,000 SPECIMENS OF MONEYS OF THE WORLD. CURRENTLY FEATURED: MONEYS MARKING THE PATH OF WAR. CHASE NATIONAL BANK EXHIBIT OF MONEYS, 46 CEDAR STREET, NEW YORK. VISITORS WELCOME. WEEKDAYS 9 A.M. TO 430 P.M. SATURDAYS 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON.** Undated, pictorial numismatic poster, 35 by 27 cm. Printed in three colors. Horizontal center-fold (as designed). Near fine. (25.00) Eight coin enlargements are featured on either side of the text, depicting ancient

Greek, Roman and Jewish coins, along with a Pine Tree shilling, a 1749 "Piece of Eight," a Fugio cent and a 1943 Canadian "V" nickel. For years, the Chase Bank's Money Museum was a major New York City attraction.

### *A Previously Unknown Kagin Sale: No. 108?!*

**E164 Hollinbeck Stamp and Coin Company: A.M. Kagin & Paul Kagin. IOWA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION AUCTION SALE. LOTS 1 THRU 147 TO BE AUCTIONED SATURDAY NIGHT NOVEMBER 3RD STARTING AT 8:30 P.M. LOTS 148 THRU 300 TO BE AUCTIONED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH STARTING AT 1:00 P.M.** Des Moines: Hotel Fort des Moines, November 3-4, (1951). Two mimeographed leaves comprising (4) pages, printed on both sides, 28 by 22 cm. The firm letterhead is at the top of the first page and the two leaves are stapled together at the upper left corner. Once folded. Near fine. (150.00)

A remarkable discovery after lo these many years; no longer "Doubtful." The mystery of the missing Hollinbeck Kagin sale numbers has long been a matter of controversy. Do they exist? The rather modest production offered here appears to confirm that at least one does. Founded in 1938, the Iowa Numismatic Association "decided in 1941 that future auctions would be given to a responsible dealer because of the great amount of work performed by auction committees, the lack of available material and the small commission realized in past auctions which did not compensate adequately for the work involved." The first month and day time window would have occurred in 1945 but it seems unlikely that the sale took place then. The October, 1951 issue of *The Numismatist* provides convincing evidence for assigning the sale to that year, noting that "The fall convention of the Iowa Numismatic Association will be held at the Hotel Fort Des Moines on November 3, 4... Membership exhibits, auction sale, bourse, and business session... will be features of the convention."

### *The Numismatic Scam of the 20th Century*

**E165 [Burnie, Robert Harry]. Professional Numismatists Guild Inc. A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON THE R.H. BURNIE CASE BY A MEMBER.** Fremont, Ohio, (1956). Typewritten letter on two sheets, the first on official PNG stationery. 28 by 22 cm. Once folded. Near fine. (250.00)

Ex A. Kosoff. The only example that we have ever encountered. It is a remarkable document featuring a great deal of little known information concerning the numismatic scam of the twentieth century. Burnie had distributed a six-page mail bid auction sale listing scheduled to close on May 31, 1956, comprising "one of the most choice collections of gold coins offered for some time; featured are pioneer gold, commemoratives, stellas, rare dates in all series, proof sets, approximately \$35,000.00 worth of choice coins. to be sold 100%—without reserve." The key to his scam is found in the terms of sale: "As requested by the owner of this collection, whom I represent in selling his collection, DEPOSITS of 50% of your BIDS MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR BIDS, otherwise the bids cannot be considered bona fide offers to buy, and will not be executed." Some of the sale participants were embarrassed by their gullibility—witness the present report by a PNG member unnamed—and, as a result, details of the scandal have always been scant. Abner Kreisberg is said to have lost \$6,000 and Jerry Cohen reportedly lost \$25,000. The author of the report at hand fared better: "Having sent Mr. Burnie \$1049.00 in connection with his May 31st sale and on his promise to ship coins registered mail June 4th, I became worried when nothing was heard from him by June 6th... On June 9th I notified Texarkana, Texas police and at 1 P.M. June 13th I arrived personally in Texarkana. I proceeded directly to the Burnie address... inquiry produced the information that about a week previous he had bought a new Oldsmobile, paying \$1800.00 down on it, this he gave to his wife... He then went to Dallas and purchased a 1956 Cadillac convertible... paying \$5000.00 cash plus a \$1200 check... I then went to the police department... By this time [Mr. Homer Goff, assistant Chief of Police] had three other complaints in besides mine, the four totaling approximately \$19000.00... He gave me further information that Burnie... had driven to Biloxi, Miss. where he picked up a girl that was a dancing school instructor. She told friends they were going to Mexico City." After a series of frustrating experiences with attorneys, our correspondent concludes: "At this point I said to hell with the whole thing, let the thief keep it, which seemed to be a easier course to follow



than wasting more valuable time trying to give [fees] to crooked lawyers." He further notes: "Some \$35000.00 went through Burnie's Bank account at the State National Bank in Texarkana, Arkansas in the last thirty days before he fled. So it seems very probable that he took people who answered his sales list for at least this amount and probably more. It also seems likely that he had at least twenty five thousand dollars in cash on his person when he left." The beauty of Burnie's scam is that he could ostensibly award—and apparently did—any sought after lot to multiple bidders. The story does not end here. A short time after the events related here, Burnie turned up in a state of unconsciousness on the Texas/Mexico border, where he was arrested, tried and convicted of mail fraud, and sentenced to five three-year terms in prison, to be served concurrently. No monies appear to ever have been recovered by the numismatic community.

*"A real phony. Is also a Chemist. Always had polished coins in his window... Unsavory... Bad reputation..."*

**E166 Steinberg, William Fox. TYPEWRITTEN LETTER TO ABE KOSOFF ON MIAMI RARE COIN COMPANY STATIONERY, SIGNED "BILL." Miami, June 27, 1956. Two leaves, 28 by 22 cm. Once folded. Very good. Accompanied by a handwritten letter on firm stationery, written the same day. (50.00)**

Interesting correspondence on "Coin Doctors," generously leavened with numismatic gossip: "Dear Abe, Your letter was somewhat of a shock to me, particularly the thought that someone operating out of Miami was involved in polishing coins to pass as proofs... I have had only one proof set purchase that was on the unpleasant side recently... about \$2000. worth of sets... I bought them all, but paid fairly high. The next day Nick Bell, at Abbott Hobbies in Miami, called me to say that Bill Sneed's 'girl' was trying to sell sets for Sneed... So, unknowingly, I had bought sets from Sneed, who is an extremely unpleasant and shrewd fellow, suspended for 3 months by the ANA, being watched by the Treasury boys, not allowed to join the Florida United Numismatists, not allowed to join the Miami club, etc., etc. The sets are gone now, and I believe they were all right. I mention it only as the only transaction not 'right'... I understand all the dangers to the profession that this matter involves and will certainly keep my ears open... The only people I know of here that handle sets in quantity are: Abbott Hobbies (they had a robbery two weeks ago. Bell talks big, but has very little in coins. I don't think he could be involved); The Hobby Shop (Newman is eccentric... he sold 2 phony Grant with star 50¢ about 2 years ago... I don't know a thing about his honesty); Sid Smith (started going after coins big about 8 months ago... I believe he's perfectly honest); Wally Logan... an honest schlemiel who knows nothing about coins and couldn't possible be involved; Sneed, of Lakeland (can't be trusted. Bought an 1804 copper copy from me, and tried to silverplate it, to pass as a genuine coin... Travels state lecturing at Sears, and banks, buying copper nickel cents for 2 cents, gold \$ for \$1.50, showing \$3. Gold obverse and calling coin \$4, gold. Good-looking, smooth talker, a perfect circus barker type..." Steinberg goes on to mention several other dealers. His handwritten letter concerns "An important addition to the letter I mailed one hour ago: I forgot Tuthill—formerly Academy Stamp & Coin. Moved out of his regular store location and now dealing from a combination home-office. A real phony. Is also a Chemist. Always had polished coins in his window—Lincoln ¢, etc. Claims he can clean anything, remove any solder, etc. Unsavory. Bad reputation in coins and stamps. Although I know of nothing, he is distinctly a possibility! Please keep my letters confidential."

*"Dr. Sloss asked me to look at the Carnegie Institute's Coin Collection and Mr. Woodside indicated that he would appreciate my comments"*

**E167 Kosoff, A. AN OVERVIEW OF THE CARNEGIE INSTITUTE COIN COLLECTION, ETC. (Pittsburgh and Palm Springs, circa 1978). Various materials, as follows: Abe Kosoff's 2-page carbon copy of a June 5, 1978 letter to directors of the Institute; a handwritten slip with W.W. Woodside's address and telephone address "until August" and another address "after August"; an 8-page handwritten draft on "From the Desk of Abe Kosoff" note paper of the above letter; 21 sheets comprising an overview and evaluation of the collection, handwritten on Kosoff and other**

**generic note paper. Various sizes. Generally fine. (250.00)**

A fascinating assemblage. Kosoff writes "To Whom It May Concern" in his June 5, 1978 letter: "I have known Mr. Woodside for many years and have had a very close relationship with Dr. James O. Sloss for more than 35 years. Dr. Sloss asked me to look at the Carnegie Institute's Coin Collection and Mr. Woodside indicated that he would appreciate my comments. My examination... was sufficient to impress me with the need for studied recommendations. I made extensive notes, have studied them and now respectfully make recommendations to you... I understand that consideration has been given to the sale of the collection and that the auction sale method seems to be the only one discussed. This is not always the most productive but Directors of Institutions usually do choose it because it does protect them against criticism." After the following preamble, Kosoff goes on to make specific recommendations: "If the decision is to sell at auction, it would be a serious mistake to consign the collection to any but a numismatic auction house... In fact, it would be wise to consider the use of more than one numismatic auction house as I will point out below." Kosoff then arranges the collection into a dozen categories and comments on each as follows (condensed here): Large Cents: "very important... could easily fetch six figures"; United States Coins: "many of the rarities are not included, nevertheless... very substantial value"; Colonials: "in excess of 150 pieces, some of which are quite important"; Patterns: "About 100 pieces... not... very important"; Canada: "rather extensive"; Tokens and Medals, U.S.: "extraordinary holding"; Numismatic Books: "could be sold by the house handling the United States Coins or by a specialist"; Confederate and Obsolete Notes: "not important"; Ancient Coins: "many important ancient coins... condition of most of the coins was not impressive"; Foreign Coins: "quite a large group"; West Indies, Latin America: "These coins do very well in the United States"; Odd and Curious Coins: "There is not a very big market for these." He concludes: "There are, of course, other methods of liquidating such a collection..." Much of the "meat" present here is to be found in Kosoff's detailed notes, written on-site. Excerpts of his initial overview follow: "Large Cents... About 450 pieces worth 150,000... Important US proofs... wild guess 150,000... US Series... 115,000... US Gold about 75,000... Colonials about 150+ pieces some very important 50,000; Canada extensive collection... best for Canadian Auction Wild Guess 20,000... Many, Many Tokens, US to Kopenhagen, Foreign with Foreign Coins... Books to Katen... Confed Obsolete So-So... Ancient not seen too fully... 60,000... Foreign Brunswick Multiple Thalers 20,000... West Indies... Sold in U.S." More detailed notes on the value of specific segments of the collection are also present. Kosoff's handwritten draft of the June 5th letter differs in a number of respects from the final version; present therein, for example, is a paragraph subsequently deleted: "I seek no fee for this service. Should my recommendations be accepted and the Institute benefit therefrom, the satisfaction of having been able to assist you will be compensation enough. Interestingly, I am at the point where I can afford such a luxury."

**E168 Eliasberg, Louis. WHY, WHEN AND HOW I ASSEMBLED THE MOST COMPLETE COLLECTION OF UNITED STATES COINS. Baltimore: Evergreen House, November 9, 1975. 14 pages, blank leaf. 24 by 17 cm. Original printed card covers. Fine. (25.00)**  
Scarce.

### *Ford's Suldurm & Sulphur Solution.*

**E169 Ford, John J., Jr. DETERGENT ETC. Circa 1946–56. A file of various papers, correspondence, etc., titled as above in pencil. (75.00)**

Ex John J. Ford, Jr. Library. An interesting body of documents pertaining to early efforts by John Ford to formulate and market detergents and other products. Included are: a typescript of a formula for "Hand Cleaner"; seven sheets of duplicated 1946 technical reports from Molnar Laboratories to Ford Chemical Co. testing various properties of "Ford's Sulphur Solution"; formulae and directions for use of detergent, hair remover, etc. in a Ford Research Foundation envelope; various other typescript formulae, metric conversions, etc.; an August 20, 1954 legal agreement between Ford, Leslie L. Beach, and W. Kenneth Chave for the purpose of authorizing Beach and Chave to sell to the United States Government, namely the Army, Navy or Air Force, Ford's secret formulas for "a certain liquid germicide and fungicide... and also an all purpose liquid detergent known as 'IT'"; a February 27, 1956 Agreement between Ford and Beach for the latter to experiment with and make samples of "SULDURM" and "Ford's Sulphur

Solution,” along with the formula; a carbon copy of a December 24, 1955 letter to Charles P. Harriman concerning detergent, also noting that “While I do not feel personally obliged by me father’s obligations, I do feel that I should attempt to do something... if anything at all can be done with the Detergent, you will definitely be in the picture”; a detailed carbon sketch for a detergent manufacturing facility; an envelope entitled “Sources of Supply” containing various 1950s invoices; etc. A fascinating glimpse of an alternate universe wherein John J. Ford, Jr. the entrepreneurial chemist would have been formulating athlete’s foot remedies and collecting royalties instead of, or perhaps in conjunction with, engaging in a numismatic career.

**E170 Green, R. A SUBSTANTIAL COLLECTION OF FIXED PRICE LISTS, AUCTION SALES, ETC.** Chicago, circa 1947–55. Seventeen items, as follows: Thirteen Green’s *Bargain Lists* Nos. 31, 35–44, 46 & 48; Two auction sales, May 1–2 & October 31, 1953; and a 1951 postcard and a flyer, tri-folded, both offering 1950-D Nickels and other coins. Various formats. Generally fine. (50.00) Several of these publications are scarce. Fixed Price List No. 39 doubles as a mail auction sale, closing on March 18, 1950.

**E171 Grant, Horace M. GRANT’S SPECIAL COIN SALE.** Providence, circa 1955. 6 duplicated typescript leaves, printed on one side only. Once folded. Near fine. (20.00) A scarce price list. Not in Bourne. Grant writes: “It is a long time since I conducted coin auction sales at the Parker House in Boston. No, this is not an auction sale, but an out and out mail sale at fixed prices... The coins in this sale have been classified by Mr. Fred M. Bushnell... The sale will be under the direction of my son... [and] grandson...”

**E172 Hutter, Alfred. AUCTION SALES NOS. 1–7.** Baltimore, 1951–52. Various formats. Generally near fine. Also included are two fixed price lists, Numbers 13 & 14, 1953. (50.00) A complete set of Hutter auction catalogues, except for a June 13, 1953 sale.

**E173 Kelly, James. FORM LETTERS, ADVERTISING FLYERS, ETC.** Eight items, as follows: 1940 form letter signed in ink by Kelly; *Lifetime Coin Box* flyer, circa 1930–1940; September 22, 1940 form letter; 2 different Want List forms, circa early 1940s; January, 1949 form letter; February 1951 form letter; New Year greeting card for 1952. (50.00) An interesting assemblage of rare ephemeral Kelly materials. In the signed 1940 letter, sent to “a few dealers,” Kelly offers wholesale copies of his 1940 reprint of Adams & Woodin at \$2.00 each; the coin box flyer also offers numismatic publications; the September 22, 1940 letter accompanied a fixed price list; the want lists also advertise “My Approval Service”; the January 1949 letter notes that “Coins and Chatter was first issued in May of 1948” and that “Coins and Chatter has grown from 2,500 to 6,000 copies...”; the 1951 letter announces that “I have just been officially selected to conduct the Auction Sale at the 1951 A.N.A. Convention... I will send a catalogue to everyone on my mailing list (3,850)”; the card thanks his clientele and wishes them “a wonderful 1952.”

*A Rare Sales Tax Token Incunabulum  
“the Librarian only knows of three copies that exist,  
extremely scarce”*

**E174 Magee, George, Jr. SPECIALIZED CATALOGUE OF U.S. SALES TAX TOKENS, LISTING AND DESCRIBING ALL KNOWN TAX TOKENS: 175 TOKENS FROM 11 STATES.** Philadelphia: Magee Press, Revised Edition, November 1936. Self-covered, as issued, 15 by 11 cm. 23, (1) pages. Covers included in pagination. Acid offsetting on pages 22–23, else fine. (125.00) Apparently one of only a few copies known. The American Tax Token Society Library Listing records only this issue, noting that it “Contains a brief history, collecting information, storage information and listings of tokens to include some pricing. Out of Print, the Librarian only knows of three copies that exist, extremely scarce.” Inscribed in ink at the head of the title of the copy at hand is

the following: “Loan Copy/to be returned to Magee.” Below, “Price 35¢, per copy” has been crossed through in ink and “out of Print” also written in ink. Further, typewritten on a slip featuring Magee’s name and address at the head is the following: “This catalogue is to be returned when no longer needed. This copy is the only one available for loaning; please take good care of it. The return of this catalogue will be expected within 6 weeks.” Two examples of Magee’s Price-list Number 17 are also included; one features a typescript addition at the top: “To be used in conjunction with catalogue.”; the other features a “Corrected to” ink stamp dated “APR -1 1939.” The Magee slip and one of the price lists are printed on acidic paper, accounting for the discoloration on pages 22–23. According to the title verso, the first edition was published in April 1936.

### *Not in Gengerke*

**E175 Oak Park Coin Club. AUCTION.** (Oak Park), November 9, 1957. Mimeographed sheets, 35 by 22 cm. Fold marks. Near fine. (25.00)

**E176 Du Bose, Benjamin B. CLEARANCE SALES OF OLD PAPER MONEY, DOCUMENTS, COINS, MEDALS, STAMPS, CURIOS, BONDS, ETC.** Fort Lauderdale, Dec. 31, 1946; Mar. 17, 1947; Jan. 19, 1948; April 30, 1948; July 20, 1949; Sept. 15, 1950; January 22, 1952; and May 16, 1952. Eight multi-page mimeographed lists, 35 by 22 cm. Fold-marks. Titles vary. Generally very good/near fine. (50.00) Rarely offered.

### *Printed Only in 25 Copies*

**E177 Farkas de Gyulaférvár, Alex. ARTS IN TRANSYLVANIAN COINS.** Aiud-Nagyenyed: Published by the Author, 1949. Original printed card covers, 20 by 13 cm. 16 pages, 2 fine photographically printed plates of coins, loosely laid in as issued. Very good. (100.00) Printed on title verso: “Al (*sic*) right (*sic*) reserved. Printed only in 25 copies. SERIE U. S. A. [inkstamped Copy Number] 2.” The only example that we have ever encountered.

**E178 American Numismatic Association. OFFICIAL PROGRAM. 1940 CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION.** Detroit, Aug. 24–29, 1940. Original printed card covers, 23 by 15 cm. (20) pages, illustrated. Covers a trifle dusty, else near fine. (20.00) Those were the days. Among the various numismatic ads is one proclaiming: “Welcome A.N.A. Visit the Lindell Bar... Across from the Detroit-Leland where the Detroit Coin Club Meets.” The back cover depicts a stern-visaged, nattily dressed and bespectacled B. Max Mehl, appearing to gaze directly into the eyes of the viewer.

**E179 Chapman, S.H. PRICES REALIZED AT THE SALE OF THE COLLECTION OF THE LATE CHARLES GREGORY, ESQ.** Philadelphia, June 19–24, 1916. Self-covered, 30.5 by 23 cm. (16) pages. Both spine staples rusted, else near fine. (15.00)

### *“Stolen From John J. Ford, Jr. New York’s Distinguished Exponent of Clean Living”*

**E180 Holland-Rantos Co., Inc., Flexible Packaging Division. WASH-UP... THE INSTANT REFRESHER.** New York, no date. 5 by 9 cm. Towlette, in original sealed blue-printed white foil packaging. Fine. (25.00) One side features the above headline, printed in black ink in decorative script. Following the title cited, the following text appears on the other side: “Tear open end of packet / Remove and open fanfolded towlette / Cleanses, cools and refreshes.” In the you can’t make up this stuff department, Holland-Rantos, a large pharmaceutical firm, included HR Lubricating Jelly and Trojan Condoms among their product line.



E181 Raymond, Wayte. UNITED STATES GOLD COINS OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND BRANCH MINTS. A STANDARD CATALOGUE GIVING THE RETAIL VALUE OF ALL UNITED STATES GOLD COINS. ILLUSTRATED FROM ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHS ON SIX HALF TONE PLATES. New York, 1928. Original card covers, 23 by 15 cm. (2), 35, (1) pages, 5 plates [numbered I–IV & VI; plate V was never issued]. Covers a little discolored. Very good. (25.00)

Inscribed in black ink at the head of the front cover: "Valuable to me Don't Destroy (*signed*) Geo. A. Gillette."

E182 American Numismatic Association. CINCINNATI NUMISMATICALLY. CONTAINING A REFERENCE LIST FOR CHECKING THE KNOWN VARIETIES OF MONEY ISSUED BY CINCINNATI BANKS, BUSINESS FIRMS, AND INDIVIDUALS BY H.A. BRAND, PRESIDENT, CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION. ALSO PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION. Cincinnati, 1931. 32 pages, illustrated. Original printed card covers. Near fine. (35.00)

Inscribed in black ink at the head of the front cover: "Don't Destroy (*signed*) Gillette." Brand's illustrated article is largely devoted to Cincinnati scrip and bank notes. Beyond Brand's interesting contribution, the advertisements present herein are worthy of perusal. Dr. Jacob Hirsch had a New York office at the time, witness his prominent full-page ad on the inside front cover. Barney Bluestone offered a "\$500 to \$1000 Reward for the Capture of the 1804 Dollar" and mere months from decamping to parts unknown, William Hesslein was "still booking consignments for my Fall Sale." And Henry Chapman was still active, claiming to "Have been in this business for upwards of fifty-seven years, devoting my entire time to it"

E183 Shinkle, C.H. U.S. COIN VALUES AND LISTS. Pittsburgh, 1905. Original printed card covers, 24 by 17 cm. 16 pages. Covers dusty and a bit worn. Good/very good. With 4-page *Supplemental List No. 1* laid in. (25.00)

Likely the first edition. The *Supplement* is quite scarce. An interesting publication, including "An exhibit of prices paid for U. S. coins at Auction Sales, 1903–05." Shinkle was not a coin dealer and appears to have been impartial. Also featured was a "List of U.S. Pattern Cents," a "List of Rare U.S. Coins" and a "List of Private Gold Issues," among other Shinkle compilations. The work concludes with a "List of Coin Dealers," thirteen of them, ranging in locale from Boston to San Francisco.

E184 Schulman, J. CATALOGUE D'UNE COLLECTION DE PLUS RENOMMÉES DE MONNAIES EN OR DU PORTUGAL ET DU BRÉSIL. Amsterdam, 28 juin 1926. Original printed card covers, 24 by 16 cm. (2), 29, (1) pages, 347 lots, 12 fine plates. Near fine. (50.00)

An extremely important sale.

E185 Foster, Charles W. HISTORICAL ARRANGEMENT OF UNITED STATES COMMEMORATIVE COINS... WITH HISTORICAL NOTES BY NITA M. FELDMAN. Rochester, 1936. Original printed blue card covers, 23 by 15 cm. 73, (3) pages, text illustrations. Covers a trifle faded at spine. Near fine. (35.00)

Scarce. Autographed in ink by the author on the title, rarely encountered as such. From the John J. Pittman library, acquired at a Barney Bluestone sale.

E186 NUMISMATIC SCRAPBOOK. VOLUME 1, NO. 1. Chicago: Lee F. Hewitt, January 1936. Original yellow card covers printed in black and red, 15 by 11 cm. Fine. (35.00)

As an ook cometh of a litel spy.

E187 Charlton, J.E. 1952, 1953 & 1954 CATALOGUES OF CANADIAN COINS, TOKENS AND PAPER MONEY. Toronto, circa 1951–53. The first three editions. All in the original

printed card covers, generally 24 by 16 cm. Very good or better copies. (75.00)

Scarce. All from the John J. Pittman library though not so marked. At the head of the first page of the first edition is the following inscription written in blue ink: "J.E. Charlton October 27, 1951." The first autographed copy we recall ever having encountered.

*"the one of all we most de-sire, is the coin of eigh-teen four*

E188 Dunham, W.F. EASY FINDING LIST. CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES, U.S. COLONIAL AND TERRITORIAL COINS, HARD TIMES TOKENS. ENCASED U.S. POST-AGE STAMPS. Los Angeles, circa 1930. 47, (1) pages. Original printed blue card covers. Very good. (25.00)

At the age of 73, Dunham considered it his duty "to leave a slight token of my love and friendship to my many numismatic friends. I therefore dedicate this volume to the members of the A.N.A. The work concludes with *The American Numismatic Anthem*:

The mem-bers of the A.N.A. have gath-ered to view,  
Our old and rare-ly per-fect coins, with i-re-des-cent hue.  
Coins and med-als what a greet-ing, Coins and med-als what a meeting,  
Coins and med-als such a meeting, Tell all the folks at home.  
We meet a-gain to greet you Comrade, Show our latest gems,  
Our friend-ship honor shines so bright, Words can-not tell nor pens.  
Some wan-der off to en-cased stamps, or pa-per stuff ga-lore,  
But the one of all we most de-sire, is the coin of eigh-teen four.

E189 Bergen, Wm. von. THE RARE COIN ENCYCLOPEDIA... PART FIRST... PART SECOND... PART THIRD... (Boston), Copyright 1901. Original printed paper covers, 17 by 12 cm. Covers a little worn and dusty. Very good. (50.00)

First published in the 1880s, this work was clearly the inspiration and basis for B. Max Mehl's ubiquitous publications of the same name. Titles of earlier von Bergen editions begin with *The Rare Coins of America* and continue from there. Eight or more editions saw publication in the nineteenth century, some in more than one printing, and another three or more were published at the beginning of the twentieth century. At least one of these 1901 editions retains the beginning of its earlier title and at least one later 1901 copyright edition *Encyclopedia* was issued, with 132 pages. The edition present here, probably issued a few years into the new century, appears to be quite scarce. The reason for the title change is printed on the inside front cover: "*The Rare Coin Encyclopedia* is now published instead of *The Rare Coins of America*, which book is now out of print and all the Quotations cancelled."

E190 Hewitt, Lee F. UNITED STATES LARGE CENTS. PRICES REALIZED AT 1933–1934 AUCTION SALES. Chicago, 1934. Original black cloth, gilt, 15 by 9 cm, 80 pages. Cover lettering somewhat oxidized, else near fine. (50.00)

Quite scarce: Limited Edition 100 Copies. Ex John J. Pittman library, though not so identified. The text on 1793–1797 cents is annotated in black ink, whether by Pittman or an earlier collector is not known.

E191 Seaby, Ltd., B.A. CATALOGUE 248. CATALOGUE OF THE COINS AND MEDALS OF THE TUDORS & STUARTS. London, (1936). Original printed card covers, 25 by 19 cm. 3–22 pages [covers apparently intended to be part of the pagination], items 2001–3088. Covers a trifle worn and discolored. Very good. (35.00)

Seldom offered. A note at the beginning states: "The following catalogue contains many coins not offered for sale by us before, and includes the fine cabinet of Richard Cartwright, Esquire, which contained some very fine pieces of the provincial issues of Charles I., and also some very rare siege pieces."

E192 Spink & Son Ltd. THE NUMISMATIC CIRCULAR LIST. NO. 1 & NO. 2. London, January & February, 1945. Two issues, 25 by 19 cm. Self-covered as published, once folded. Very good/near fine. (30.00)

Two rare wartime issues.

**E193** Raymond, Wayte. **UNITED STATES GOLD COINS OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND BRANCH MINTS. LISTING ALL THE DATES AND PRINCIAL VARIETIES AND GIVING THE AVERAGE RETQIL VALUES WITH ILLUSTRATIONS OF ALL THE TYPES AND RARE DATES.** New York, 1933. Original card covers, 23 by 15 cm. 24 pages, illustrated. Fine. (25.00)

A new arrangement of the 1928 work (vide lot E181).

**E194** Noe, Sydney P. **COIN HOARDS.** New York, 1920. 16mo, original printed card covers. (4), 47, (1) pages; 6 fine plates. Covers taped, spine worn, internally very good. (50.00)

American Numismatic Society *Numismatic Notes and Monographs* No. 1. Eunice Work's copy, with her stylized "E Work" in pencil on the upper cover. A most interesting copy, featuring detailed publication data written in black ink on the half-title. As follows:

Edition 1000	Sale price .50
Jan. 11, 1921	
Total cost	\$620.20
Cost per copy	62
Composition 47 pp	3.84
[Composition] of electros	4.43
Total cost per page, 70 pp.	8.81

**E195** Davis, Holland A. **THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN COIN ENCYCLOPAEDIA...** Denver: Published by the Adair Book, Stamp and Coin Company, 1928 [cover date 1927]. Original orange-yellow card covers, 17 by 10 cm. 76, (4) pages. Very good. [with] Davis, Holland A. **THE DAVIS ROCKY MOUNTAIN COIN ENCYCLOPAEDIA...** Denver: Published by the Stamp and Coin Shop, 1930. Second edition. Original printed card covers, 17 by 11 cm. 73, (3) pages. Very good. (25.00)

In his prefaces, Davis is refreshingly candid: "No claim is made for originality in this work..." Both titles note that he was Secretary of the American Philatelic Society at the time. In the 1928 work, Davis mentions two Denver store locations as well as "stores in Minneapolis and Duluth," and offers to appraise or purchase books and libraries. In the 1930 edition he advertises "Numismatic and Philatelic Books, Catalogues, Supplies and Accessories." Davis is perhaps better known in numismatic circles for his 1934 reprint of Doughty and information in these two little volumes provides a logical rationale for its publication.

*"I am sending you the Release on the new 1959 Lincoln Cent, which is very handsome, I think, and which is being hailed by everybody who has seen it"*

**E196** Biester, Rae V. **TYPEWRITTEN LETTER TO JOHN JAY PITTMAN ON TREASURY DEPARTMENT STATIONERY, UNITED STATES MINT SERVICE, SIGNED IN BLUE INK.** Philadelphia, February 17, 1959. Single sheet, watermarked stock, 27 by 20 cm. Fold-marks. Fine. [with] United States Mint. **THE 1959 LINCOLN CENT.** Philadelphia, January 2, 1959. Form letter. Single sheet on pink stock, 28 by 20 cm. Fold-marks. Fine. (75.00)

Superintendent of the United States Mint Biester notes that "our supplies of 1958 United States Proof Sets are entirely exhausted. We stopped taking Orders for them on December 12th, and now they are just pleasant history with us. I am sending you the Release on the new 1959 Lincoln Cent, which is very handsome, I think, and which is being hailed by everybody who has seen it." Sent "From the Superintendent's Desk" and signed in facsimile by Biester, the January 2, 1959 notice states: "So many inquiries come to us each day regarding the new reverse side of the LINCOLN coin, — that it seems appropriate to share with you the Sunday morning release of December 21, 1958, by James C. Hagerty, Press Secretary to the President." The remainder of the letter is filled with interesting information, including that "Production of the changed coin will begin January second" and noting that "The 1959 U.S. PROOF SET will include the new 1959 Cent. (There will be no strikes of the previous design of the one-cent — either of regular coinage or for Proof sets) — only with the new reverse!"

*"heavy drains by coin collectors and dealers have now reduced the Treasury's stock of silver dollars... virtually all of which have special numismatic value"*

**E197** Treasury Department. **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE. TREASURY TO REDEEM SILVER CERTIFICATES IN BULLION INSTEAD OF SILVER DOLLARS.** Washington, D.C., March 25, 1964. Form letter on a single sheet with the Treasury Department letterhead, 27 by 20 cm. Fold-marks. Fine. (50.00)  
The party was over: "Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon tonight announced that silver certificates will henceforth be redeemed in silver bullion only... heavy drains by coin collectors and dealers have now reduced the Treasury's stock of silver dollars, which was about 28 million on January 1, to approximately 3 million, virtually all of which have special numismatic value... While silver dollars have not been minted since 1935, nearly one-half billion of these coins have been put into circulation in the last hundred years. These silver dollars will continue to circulate freely alongside their paper money counterparts... The eventual disposition of the existing small Treasury stocks of silver dollars will be carefully considered in the light of existing circumstances at a later date."

### *The Special Edition on Thick Paper*

**E198** Strobridge, William H. **CATALOGUE OF MR. JOSEPH E. GAY'S COLLECTION OF ANCIENT AND MODERN COINS AND MEDALS.** (New York), 1875. Sewn but not bound, 24 by 15 cm. 47, (1) pages, 704 descriptions. Sans covers, minor foxing, else near fine. (200.00)

Special Edition on Thick Paper. Quite rare. Attinelli page 72, following a description of the April 28, 1853 "Joseph E. Gay et al." sale: "A portion of the same, comprising that part belonging to Mr. J.E. Gay, was issued privately on fine paper." American Numismatic Society *Dictionary Catalogue* page 4594. Gengerke 21, noting that two versions were issued. Davis 1031. Not mentioned in Adams. Ex Connecticut State Library.

**E199** Scott Stamp & Coin Company, Ltd: Lyman H. Low. **NO. 7. CATALOGUE OF BOOKS RELATING TO COINS AND MEDALS. OLD NEWSPAPERS. ALSO A FEW AMERICAN MEDALS.** New York, December, 1894. Self-covered as issued, 23 by 15 cm. 16 pages, 221 listings. Good/very good. (20.00)  
Among a number of interesting and informative footnotes on numismatic books for sale, Low appends a long paragraph comprising a masterful overview of the content and scope of the new Betts book, priced at \$3.00: "Handsomely printed in large 8vo volume, bound in cloth and lettered in gold."

*The "Finest Known" 1799 cent was offered for sale at \$15.00*

**E200** Dayton, Wm. H. **A CATALOGUE OF ANCIENT AND MODERN SILVER AND COPPER COINS, MEDALS & TOKENS OF ALL NATIONS, WHICH ARE NOW OFFERED FOR SALE, AT THE PRICES AFFIXED... ALSO, CONTINENTAL PAPER MONEY.** New York: 73 Bleeker Street, 1860. Original printed pink wrappers, 22 by 14 cm. 50 pages. Address cited above crossed through and changed in pencil to "123 East 26th St." Bottom page edges stained. Good. (55.00)  
Attinelli page 87. An extensive early fixed price catalogue, of which the first 20 pages are devoted to American coins, medals, tokens and paper currency. Very scarce. The half dollar section features varieties "not mentioned by Dickeson" and an 1815 cent could be purchased for 50¢, with the disclaimer "Not guaranteed to be genuine." The "Finest Known" 1799 cent was offered for sale at \$15.00. Eighteenth-century English tokens are featured in the foreign section.

*End of Sale • Thank You*



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